

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

The City Of Augusta

Proclamation

IN RECOGNITION of “Mrs. Willie Viola Williams on the occasion of her 100th Birthday”

WHEREAS, Mrs. Willie Viola Williams was born on December 28, 1904, in Augusta, Georgia, where she has lived ever since; and

WHEREAS, she has the distinction of being a Georgia Centenarian, and her accomplishments and community involvement are extraordinary; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has been a devoted wife, mother and homemaker. She has been employed as a domestic worker, lunchroom cook and an hors d’oeuvre specialist for many years with Smoak’s Bakery & Catering Service; and

WHEREAS, this quiet, mild-mannered lady became a dedicated “missionary” in her neighborhood where she often visited the sick and shut-in, prepared meals, cleaned their homes, notified distant relatives when loved ones were hospitalized; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams has lived a rather modest and unassuming life that fostered values of trusting God, fervent praying, and sowing good seeds. She believed in taking care of her body by exercising and not smoking or drinking. She believed in “looking like you’re somebody and acting like you’re somebody, because you are somebody!” and

WHEREAS, she is the mother of Willie Edward Burke and the late Harry Burke, Harold Burke and Alberta Burke, and a proud grandmother, great-grandmother and aunt; and

WHEREAS, at an early age, she joined the Elim Baptist Church, where she has been a faithful member. She is recognized as the oldest living member with the longest continuous membership in her church. She faithfully supported the mission and other ministries in her church; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable lady has maintained a wonderful attitude and outlook throughout her life and is a precious relative and friend to many; and

WHEREAS, the accomplishments of this resolute lady confirm her love for God, her family, her church, her neighborhood and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Willie Viola Williams celebrates her 100th Birthday on December 28, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bob Young, Mayor of the City of Augusta, do hereby proclaim December 28, 2004, as “MRS. WILLIE VIOLA WILLIAMS DAY” in Augusta, Georgia, and urge all citizens to join in paying tribute to Mrs. Williams on this, her 100th Birthday.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Augusta, Georgia, to be affixed this 28th day of December 2004.

Mayor